

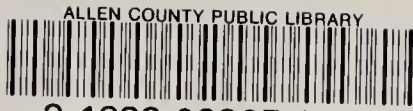




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Early Billard References

In "The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut", there are the following:

Billard, Bethia, p. 407

Bethia Barnabas, dau. of Horton Barnabas, Jr., who m. Mehitable Wells, b. Aug. 25, 1799, m. Joshua Billard.

David, p. 656

Mehitable Youngs, from Southold to Saybrook, b. in 1772, m. Aug. 12, 1798, David Billard, d. in Dec. 1857.

Joshua, p. 407

In the "Notes of Terry Families in the U. S. of A., by Stephen Terry, A.M., 1887, p. 47, there is this reference:

Thomas Terry -

"In April 1776, he enlisted at Boston, Mass. in Capt. Wm. Billard's Company in Col. Whitcomb's Mass. Regt. for 9 months"

In the 1790 U. S. Census for New York State, there are the following references:

Billard, Joshua, p. 169

Suffolk Co., Southold Town 3/1/4/-/-

Denton, John, p. 74

Dutchess Co., Amenia 3/1/3/-/1/

John Denton Billard (3-0); b. Feb. 28, 1819; d. Feb. 1, 1902; m. Sep. 8, 1841

The following note in the handwriting of Harriet Merriman Billard (Mrs. John L. Billard) regarding John D. Billard's early history was found among family papers in the residence of Frederick H. Billard, Allen Ave., Meriden, Conn., after his death on April 4, 1952.

"History of J. D. Billard given me by Mrs. Simmonds - Feb. 6, 1902: 'His father and mother died when he was very young - about 5 months old ... A neighbor took him for a few weeks. She felt that she could not keep him - so he was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Philimon Billard. Mrs. Billard was Gloriana Denton before marriage - one of the old families of Long Island. He was not at first really adopted. Some man who was interested in finding a home for the child came later to see them, to find out if they wished to adopt him. At that time they had become so attached to him, they were not willing to give him up - so they adopted him for their own child and Mrs. Billard named him for her favorite brother, John Denton, who was a prominent man on Long Island. After his adopted father died, Mrs. Billard wished her daughter Martha, who married Mr. John Knapp, to take John - and have the care of him - and Mr. and Mrs. Pardew to take their son Denton. Later Mr. and Mrs. Pardew moved to Saybrook and took both of the boys. He learned his trade at Essex and Mrs. Pardew walked with him many times from Saybrook to Essex Monday mornings - when he came home to spend Sunday, & he enjoyed coming home so much he did not want to go back --- He knew of his adoption when he was a young man & went to a party - and some young man told him he was not Denton Billard's brother - he went home and asked his mother & she told him the facts of his birth. His parents were of good family, and residents of New York - The name was Williams.' "

The following is a quotation from "A Century of Meriden" by C. Bancroft Gillespie, Journal Publishing Co., Meriden, Conn. - 1906:

"John Denton Billard, who died on February 1, 1902, was one of Meriden's most respected and prominent citizens.

His long life was a successful one, and in his death Meriden sustained a genuine loss. Not only was he a shrewd, broad-minded man of business, but he possessed a personality that won for him many and true friends. He did not herald his good deeds, but they were not few. He was, in fact, an unostentatious American gentleman.

"John D. Billard was born in New York City, February 28, 1819. At the age of fourteen he removed to Saybrook, Conn. After attending school two years, he was apprenticed to Jeremiah Gladwin to learn the carpenter's trade. At this time he became acquainted with a fellow employe of Mr. Gladwin, George W. Lyon, with whom later he was to form the firm of Lyon & Billard of Meriden. When his five years' apprenticeship was completed he continued to work for Mr. Gladwin as foreman, and superintended the building of some of the best houses in Essex, Deep River, Saybrook and Lyme.

"In 1847 Mr. Billard came to Meriden, and with Mr. Lyon formed the firm which became so successful and which is now one of the most important business institutions of the city. The company was incorporated in 1878 as The Lyon & Billard Company, with Mr. Billard as president, an office he continued to hold until his death; although during the last ten years of his life he was not actively engaged in its management.

"Mr. Billard's financial career was highly successful and most honorable. He was elected president of the First National Bank on April 2, 1881; also of the City Savings Bank, succeeding the late Joel H. Guy. He continued to hold these offices during the last twenty years of his life, devoting practically his entire attention to their interests and developing a knowledge of the business that gave him high rank in banking circles as a man of sound judgment and keen discernment, qualities that made him a safe and conservative executive for those two important and prosperous institutions. He was one of the organizers and original stockholders of both these banks and of the Meriden Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

"Mr. Billard took an intelligent and active interest in the affairs of the city and town, serving the city as councilman and alderman. For over twenty years he was a member of the board of compensation, a position in which he rendered valuable service to his fellow-citizens.*

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*The Hartford Daily Courant, for Feb. 3, 1865 gives under "State item - Meriden. The Taxpayers whose incomes are the largest in town are ... John D. Billard, \$9,166."

"Mr. Billard was married September 8, 1841 to Emeline E. Spencer*, daughter of Captain Samuel Spencer of Saybrook. She died at Norfolk, Conn., on December 17, 1887.**

"Mr. Billard's home life was a happy one. He loved his home and his beautiful house and grounds on Colony Street gave him a vast amount of pleasure. The only social organization to which he belonged was the Home Club. Notwithstanding his quiet and simple tastes, he was far from being a recluse; and his friends and acquaintances knew him as a pleasant and affable gentleman, kind of heart, and constantly doing little acts of kindness that showed the true spirit of charity.

"At his death Mr. Billard left one son, John L. Billard, one of Meriden's leading citizens, who has followed in his father's footsteps as business man and banker; three grandsons, Herbert M., who died on October 14, 1902***; Walter S. and Frederick H. Billard, engaged with their father in the Lyon & Billard Company; and a great-granddaughter, Mary E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Billard."

The children of John Denton and Emeline Elizabeth (Spencer) Billard were:

1. John Leander (2-0); b. Jul. 18, 1842 at Saybrook, Conn., m. May 26, 1868 at Meriden, Conn., Harriet Yale Merriman; d. Dec. 18, 1924 at Meriden, Conn.
2. Mary Emeline, b. Jan. 15, 1854, m. MacKay; d. Sep. 24, 1880; no issue.

*Saybrook, Conn., vital Records - Barbour Photostat Collection, Hartford Memorial Library contains the following regarding John D. Billard and Joseph D. Billard (possibly his brother by adoption):

Billard, John D., m. Emeline E. Spencer, both of Saybrook, Sept. 8, 1841, by Rev. Samuel Hoyt, Methuen, Mass. Vol. 2, p. 100.

Billard, Joseph D., m. Lydia B. Whittlesey, both of Saybrook, June 23, 1841, by Rev. Fred (eric) W(illiam) Hotchkiss. Vol. 2, p. 100.

**Buried Dec. 19, 1887, at Meriden, per tombstone, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden, Conn.

***Oct. 13, 1902 according to tombstone inscription, Walnut Grove Cemetery, which appears to be correct.

John Leander Billard (2-0); b. Jul. 18, 1842; d. Dec. 18, 1924;
m. May 26, 1868

"Connecticut History Makers", by Mr. E. Robert Stevenson, 1929, Vol. I, pp. 220-221, states as follows:

"John Leander Billard was one of Meriden's foremost citizens, progressive, successful and a leader in industry and finance and actively associated with the growth and development of the city of Meriden for more than 64 years. At the time of his death, on December 18, 1924, he was an executive and director in the leading financial institutions, and public utilities corporations of the city. He was born July 18, 1842, in Saybrook, Connecticut, the son of John Denton Billard and Emeline E. (Spencer) Billard. His father was one of the leaders in Meriden's development during its earlier years and an honored and influential citizen. He was born in New York City, and went to Meriden while a young man in 1847, where he founded the firm of Lyon & Billard together with George W. Lyon. This company, incorporated in 1878, with Mr. Billard as president, grew with rapidity and Mr. Billard's ability led to extended connections with leading business and financial interests of the city. He died February 1, 1902. On maternal side of the family John Leander Billard was a great, great grandson of Samuel Spencer of Westbrook, Connecticut, who served as a private in the war of the Revolution for three years, enlisting July 16, 1778, in the Saybrook Company, commanded by Captain Hart.

"Mr. Billard was educated at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., and began his business career on March 18, 1859, when he entered the office of Lyon & Billard, consisting of a partnership of his father and George W. Lyon, dealing in lumber and coal, as well as contracting, they having constructed many of the earlier homes and public buildings in Meriden and vicinity. The firm was changed to a corporation in 1878 and continued successful operation, and, upon the death of John D. Billard, in 1902, his son succeeded him as president continuing that office up to the time he disposed of his interest therein in May, 1923. He was a director of The Edward Miller Company for many years, also of the Meriden Cutlery Company, and was a director of the Second National Bank of New Haven and was president of the Meriden Savings Bank from December, 1903 to July, 1914, being also identified with numerous other interests. At the time of his death he was a director of Meriden National Bank, Meriden Savings Bank, Meriden Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Meriden Gas Light Company, Meriden Electric Light Company, Meriden City Hospital and Meriden Cemetery Association. He was a member

of the Home Club of Meriden, and the Union League Club of New York, and of the First Congregational Church of Meriden.

"Mr. Billard was married, May 26, 1868, in Meriden, to Harriet Yale Merriman who died August 22, 1919. Their children were: Herbert Merriman Billard, died October 13, 1902, Walter Spencer Billard, died October 6, 1906, Annie Billard, died in infancy, and Frederick Howell Billard of Meriden."

The following is a quotation from "Atwater Memoirs" by Hon. Francis Atwater, 1922 - pp. 101-104:

"Another old campaigner who has served coal and lumber to the public so long that he cannot divorce himself from the business is John L. Billard. If he should compute how many thousands of tons he has sold he would probably tell you that the train to haul it would reach from Meriden to Chicago and perhaps farther. Of course the whole country has heard of Mr. Billard, for he held in his possession for some time the destiny of the great Boston and Maine Railroad system. It no doubt brought him more trouble than comfort.

"Mr. Billard was president of the Meriden Savings Bank for years. For a long time both local savings banks discouraged mortgage loans, investing their money in what was then thought to be gilt-edged bonds. Outside savings banks had to be relied upon for local mortgage loans, but some relief finally came locally with the establishment of several building and loan associations. By practically having the field to themselves, these institutions progressed beyond expectations.

"All around Meriden savings banks were loaning more than a majority of the amount of their deposits on real estate. I did not like the situation in Meriden so I published comparative statements of what the banks were doing in New Britain, Middletown, Wallingford, Berlin and Southington. The next day I saw Mr. Billard in his office. He is generally outwardly calm, but this morning his face was white with rage. His greeting was: "What you are printing about the banks, Mr. Atwater, will not do you any good." I was not concerned about myself, but I was about the public.

"I have always had the opinion, and still hold it, that the first duty of a savings bank is to lend as much money at home as is practical. Our neighboring towns were doing so, loaning fully half of their deposits on local real estate, yet at home not over an eighth of the total was so invested. I explained this to Mr. Billard, who angrily retorted not

\$20,000 had been loaned by outside banks in Meriden in two years. I consulted the town records and found Mr. Billard was wrong, as over \$70,000 had been loaned in only a few months. Mr. Billard has been too much of a business diplomat to let his temper get the best of him, but it did on this occasion. Whether I had any influence or not in changing conditions locally, one fact stands out, and if you will read the daily newspapers you will notice in big type the advertisement of the Meriden Savings Bank, which reads 'We have money to Loan on Real Estate', which is all to the good."

A digest of the will of John L. Billard, dated Dec. 10, 1921 is included in the documents at the end of this history. He died Dec. 18, 1924 and was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden.

The children of John Leander and Harriet Yale (Merriman) Billard were:

1. Herbert Merriman (1-0); b. Oct. 5, 1869, at Meriden, Conn; m. June 7, 1894 at Meriden, Jennie Elizabeth Hall, daughter of William Alfred and Fidelia Jane (Hotchkiss) Hall; d. Oct. 13, 1902, at Meriden, Conn.
2. Walter Spencer, b. Apr. 29, 1872, Meriden; d. Oct. 6, 1906, Meriden; unmarried.
3. Frederick Howell; b. Oct. 18, 1873, Meriden; m. Feb. 28, 1917, Mrs. Elizabeth (Elverson) Bennett, daughter of James Elverson. She died Oct. 6, 1948 at Meriden; d. Apr. 4, 1952 at Meriden.
4. Annie; b. Feb. 6, 1880, Meriden; d. June 6, 1882.

In "Connecticut History Makers", 1929, Vol. I, p. 221, the following appears:

"FREDERICK HOWELL BILLARD, president of the City Savings Bank of Meriden, director in numerous other financial and industrial corporations and civic organizations of the city, is a life long resident of Meriden where he was born October 18, 1873. He is a son of the late John Leander Billard, and of Harriet Yale Merriman, who was a daughter of Howell Merriman.

"Frederick Howell Billard was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, preparatory to his entrance into Yale University and Yale Forestry School.

"After leaving college Mr. Billard spent five years in

business in Chicago, and in 1901 he returned to Meriden and entered his father's business. In 1909 when he graduated from the Yale Forestry School he engaged in forestry work in various parts of the country until 1915 when he again associated himself with The Lyon & Billard Company remaining there until the business was sold in 1923 when he became president of the City Savings Bank of Meriden which office he still holds; he is also a director of the First National Bank, Meriden Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Manning Bowman and Company, Meriden City Hospital, Gaylord Farm Sanatorium, Meriden Cemetery Association, Meriden Chamber of Commerce of which is a past president, Meriden Boy's Club and a director of Connecticut Forest and Park Association. He is commissioner of Public Park Board of City of Meriden and ex-member of the Meriden School Board.

"His club and other affiliations are: Home Club, Highland Country Club, St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar, Hamilton Council No. 22, Royal and Select Masters, Meriden, and the Metabetchouan Fish and Game club of Quebec.

"Mr. Billard was married February 28, 1917 in Meriden to Elizabeth Elverson, daughter of Edward Elverson, of Newark, N. J. They reside on Allen Avenue, Meriden. Business address, 14 West Main Street, Meriden."

For further details see: "A Modern History of New Haven and Eastern New Haven County", Vol. II, S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1918, Page 668; and, "History of New Haven County, Connecticut", Vol. III, The Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., 1930, pp. 439-442.

A digest of his will dated Nov. 12, 1948 is given in the documents at the end of this history. He died April 4, 1952 and was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Herbert Merriman Billard (1-0); b. Oct. 5, 1869; d. Oct. 13, 1902;
m. Jun. 7, 1894

Herbert Merriman Billard, son of John Leander and Harriet Yale (Merriman) Billard, was born Oct. 5, 1869 at Meriden, Conn. He married June 7, 1894, at Meriden, Jennie Elizabeth Hall, daughter of William Alfred and Fidelia Jane (Hotchkiss) Hall, of Meriden.

Herbert Merriman Billard was associated with his father in the Lyon and Billard Company of Meriden and was a director of a number of banks, commercial enterprises and of charitable organizations. He died Oct. 13, 1902 at Meriden, Conn., and was buried in the family plot at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden, Conn.

His widow, in 1913, married a widower, Isaac William Chick, of Boston and Swampscott, Mass.

The only child of Herbert Merriman and Jennie Elizabeth (Hall) Billard was:

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Jan. 17, 1901 at Meriden, Conn.

Mary Elizabeth Billard; b. Jan. 17, 1901

Mary Elizabeth Billard, daughter of Herbert Merriman and Jennie Elizabeth (Hall) Billard, was born in Meriden, Conn. Jan. 17, 1901 on Colony Place. Shortly after her birth, her parents moved to 160 Colony St., the home of her great-grandfather, the late John D. Billard. She attended schools in Meriden until her widowed mother remarried, becoming Mrs. Isaac Wm. Chick, and moved to 347 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. She attended Miss Mays School on Marlboro St. in Boston, the Low-Heywood School, Stamford, Conn., and Miss Winsor's in Boston.

She made her debut in Boston in 1919-1920, and was a member of the Sewing Circle, the Junior League and the Vincent Club.

She married on April 2, 1921 at Boston, Mass., Ambrose Ely Chambers, son of Dr. Philip Flewellen and Alice (Ely) Chambers of New York and Southampton, N. Y. Ambrose Ely Chambers graduated from Harvard Law School and practiced law in New York City and Paris, France. They lived in New York City, Cambridge, Mass., Southampton, L. I. and Paris. They were divorced in Paris, France in 1927.

The only child of Ambrose Ely and Mary Elizabeth (Billard) Chambers was:

1. Mary Jane Chambers, b. Feb. 25, 1925, New York, N. Y., m. Jul. 6, 1946 at New York, N. Y., Francis Nathaniel Holmes Bishop, b. Mar. 7, 1923, New York, N. Y., son of Mrs. Francis Cunningham Bishop (nee Gertrude Pell) and the late Mr. Bishop of Bedford Village, N. Y., and New York City. Mary Jane Chambers attended Brearley School, New York City, Rumson Country Day School, Rumson, N. J., Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Conn., and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School, New York City. Francis N. H. Bishop graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and enlisted in the U. S. Army. He served with the 1st Cavalry in the South Pacific in World War II and received a battlefield commission and a number of decorations, including a Silver Star and a Purple Heart with two clusters. Francis N. H. and Mary Jane (Chambers) Bishop reside in Bedford Village, N. Y.

Their children as of 1958 were:

- a. Jane Hall Bishop, b. Apr. 20, 1947, New York, N. Y.

- b. Francis Nathaniel Holmes Bishop, Jr., b. Apr. 12, 1949, New York, N. Y.
- c. Cynthia Chambers Bishop, b. Jun. 4, 1952, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
- d. Priscilla Pell Bishop, b. Jun. 4, 1953, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
- e. Linda Townsend Bishop, b. Jan. 28, 1955.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Billard) Chambers married on June 5, 1927, at Greenwich, Conn., James Henry O'Neil, son of the Hon. Thomas Henry and Margaret O'Neil of Westchester, Bronx County, New York. He was a stock broker in New York City. They lived in Greenwich, Conn., New York City, Sea Bright and Rumson, N. J. They were divorced in 1940.

The only child of James Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Billard) O'Neil was:

- 1. James Henry O'Neil, Jr., b. Apr. 9, 1929, New York, N. Y., m. Mar. 28, 1952 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Joan McKnight Pierce,* daughter of the late William Lemmex Pierce and Esther (Cott) Pierce of Englewood, N. J. James Henry O'Neil, Jr. attended Rumson Country Day School, Rumson, N. J., and was graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and attended Princeton University, Class of 1952, where he was a member of Ivy Club, Captain of the Freshman Hockey Team, and goalie on the Freshman and Varsity Hockey Teams. He enlisted in the Army in July 1951 and attended Armored Force Officers Candidate School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on Aug. 19, 1952. Miss Joan McKnight Pierce graduated from Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Conn., and attended Bennett Junior College, Milbrook, N. Y. They reside in Pound Ridge, N. Y.

Their children, as of 1958, were:

- a. Shawn Pierce O'Neil, b. Jun. 12, 1954, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
- b. James Pierce O'Neil, b. Aug. 25, 1957, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

They also had a daughter who d. in infancy, Jennifer Hall O'Neil.

* b. Jan. 3, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Billard) O'Neil married on Oct. 2, 1943 at South Bound Brook, N. J., Col. William Hopple Edwards, Signal Corps, A. U. S., later U. S. Army Reserve, son of William Zook and Mabel (Hopple) Edwards of Lansdowne, Penna. He graduated from the University of Penna., Towne Scientific School, with the degrees of BS in ME, and later received the degree of ME. He was with the Development and Research Dept. of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc. They lived in Rumson, N. J., and later at Allen Hill in Meriden, Conn. There was no issue from this marriage.

Mrs. Mary (Billard) Edwards adopted Stella Lee Edwards, daughter of William Hopple and Stella Amanda (Lemly) Edwards, born December 10, 1935, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y. This adoption was approved by the Probate Court, District of Meriden, New Haven County, Connecticut, April 30, 1954 by Judge Robert M. Dowling, recorded Adoption Book, Vol. 1, pp. 289-290. Lee Edwards was married to Lawrence Leslie Anderson, Jr., the son of Mrs. Antonio Quintanilla (Barbara Ryan) and Mr. Anderson of Cuernavaca, Mexico, at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City on August 26, 1958. Lee Edwards was graduated from the Rumson (N. J.) Country Day School, Chatham Hall (Va.) in 1953, and the Boston Katharine Gibbs School. Lawrence Leslie Anderson, Jr., is a Captain in the Marine Corps Reserve, with service in Korea, and was graduated from the Kent (Conn.) School and Princeton University, 1952. He is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Belford Ryan of Mexico City and of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson Anderson of Meadville, Miss. He is a great grandson of Cuthbert Collingswood Hope, an English textile industrialist in Mexico City.

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NOTE: Photostat copies of the "J. D. and E. E. Billard" Bible containing many references to the above line are in the Connecticut State Library.

The following digests and transcripts are from original documents and official records and are arranged in chronological order:

EXCERPTS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF DOCUMENTS

Document
No.

- 1 Warrant Deed. Erastus Rice & E. Allen Rice of Meriden to John D. Billard of Saybrook, Middlesex Co., for \$250.00, land in Meriden, 50' in width & 150' in depth. 13 Nov. 1848. Rec. V. 10, p. 441. Witn: Phineas Potter, R. S. Gladwin.
- 2 Mortgage. Same property as above - \$150. Rec. V. 10, p. 442.
- 3 Deed. Erastus Rice & E. Allen Rice of Meriden for \$250 received for George W. Lyon and John D. Billard, land in Westerly portion of Meriden. Front sixty feet and 150 ft. in depth. May 9, 1849. Witn: Phineas Potter & Nelson Bottsford. Rec. V. 13, p. 19.
- 4 Mortgage. By Geo. W. Lyon & John D. Billard, same property as above, May 9, 1849. Rec. V. 13, p. 23.
- 5 Deed. Erastus Rice & E. Allen Rice for \$100 received of Lyon & Billard, land in Westerly portion of Meriden (similar to above) Nov. 1, 1849. Witn: Phineas Porter & Charles Blanchard. Rec. V. 13, p. 376.
- 6 Deed. Erastus Rice & E. Allen Rice of Meriden, for \$250. received of Geo. W. Lyon & John D. Billard of Lyon & Billard, land 60' front, 150' in depth, a strip about 15' in length & about 3' in width. 15 June 1850. Witn: J. H. Guy & T. C. Doolittle. Rec. V. 12, p. 132.
- 7 Deed. Lyon & Billard for \$9,500 received of Lewis T. Greene of Meriden, land in Meriden containing 85 rods more or less. 11 Jan. 1851. Witn: E. W. Hatch & T. C. Doolittle. Rec. V. 13, p. 392.
- 8 Deed. Frederick W. Bacon of Meriden for \$250 received

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of Lyon & Billard, land in Meriden. Feb. 1, 1851.
Mortgage. Witn: Phineas Porter & Lewis S. Greene.
Rec. V. 13, p. 442.

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Certificate. Know all men by these presents, that we, George W. Lyon and John D. Billard both of the town of Meriden, aforesaid, joiners by trade and calling and doing a company business in said Meriden under the co-partnership name firm and style of Lyon & Billard do hereby make, declare and publish this our following certificate to wit.

We the aforesaid George W. Lyon and the said John D. Billard doing business as aforesaid do hereby declare that on the (15th) fifteenth day of August Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and Fifty agreed or contracted with one Julius Ives of said Town of Meriden to furnish materials for and to erect, build or cause to be erected & built a certain two story wooden building; a dwelling house with six tenements therein for the said Ives, said building to be located upon a lot land situated in said Meriden belonging to sd. Ives which said lot of land is bounded & described as follows to wit; north on an open pass way belonging to said Ives, East and South on land of sd. Ives and upon a contemplated highway - sd. lot of land is in quantity about one third of an acre be the same more or less.

And we further declare and certify that for sd erection of sd dwelling house we were to receive from sd Ives the sum of Thirty eight hundred Dollars or thereabouts - that we completed sd building on the twenty-fifth day of Dec. AD. 1850 - and that the sd. Julius Ives is indebted to us for the materials furnished by us for sd Building and for work and labors upon sd. Building, in the sum of Eight hundred and twenty-five dollars which debt is now justly due to us from sd Ives and for that amount to secure we enter this our certificate as a lien upon sd. described property in the town clerk's office in sd. Meriden according to law. Dated at Meriden the day and year first above written.

Lyon & Billard
by John D. Billard

State of Conn.
New Haven County Meriden Feb. 22 AD 1851

Rec. Meriden Deeds - V. 11, p. 458.

Document
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- 10 Deed. Homer Curtis & Joseph A. Augur of Meriden for \$1200 received of Lyon & Billard, sell 3/4 acre. May 1, 1851. Witn: Phineas Potter & M. C. Augur. Rec. V. 13, p. 556.
- 11 Deed. Hezekiel Rice, for \$275 received of Lyon & Billard - sell 1/2 acre. 17 June 1851. Witn: Phineas Potter & F. C. Hinman. Rec. Vol. 13, p. 542.
- 12 Deed. G. W. Lyon & J. D. Billard of Meriden for \$1200 received of Luther E. Webb & Wm. L. Bradley, partners in Webb & Bradley, land bounded N. by land of John D. Billard, Henry H. Clewell & Beleston H. Clark, E. by Julius Ives & widow Rosetta Cowles, S. by E. & E.A. Rice and W. by highway, being 80' in front and 150' in rear, with buildings. 24 June 1851. Witn: N. A. Starkey & O. H. Platt. Rec. Vol. 15, p. 504.
- 13 Deed. Frederick W. Bacon of Meriden for \$150 received of Geo. W. Lyon & John D. Billard of Lyon & Billard land with a building thereon standing. 29 Nov. 1851. Witn: J. C. Doolittle & L. C. Webb. Mortgage \$150. Rec. Vol. 13, p. 592.
- 14 Quit Claim Deed. Frederick W. Bacon of Meriden for \$1 - describes above property - being same land deeded to me by said releasees by and having date Feb. 1, 1851 and recorded in Book 11, p. 441. 13 Dec. 1851. Witn: Henry Benton & O. H. Platt.
- 15 Quit Claim Deed. Erastus Rice and E. Allen Rice of Meriden for \$1.00 to John D. Billard of Meriden - 1/4 acre on Southington & Waterbury Turnpike Rd - May 6, 1852. Rec. V. 1, Quit Claim p. 254. Witn: Orville H. Platt; Henry C. Hull.
- 16 Probate Distribution. Estate of Samuel Spencer (d.1856 per WHE). Long hand copy apparently unofficial - Probate Dist. of Old Saybrook set out as follows:
1. Mrs. Adah S. Spencer - s. half of house with privilege of use of oven and of the chamber and cellar stairs and well, with undivided half of barn and four acres of orchard and

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garden and homestead reserving to S. L. Spencer
the right of passing in and out of the back
door. \$400.00

-The lot on the opp. side of the road in
part of the house cont. the 4 acres 200.00

-5-3/4 acres of the s. side of Sanford
lot running from the above ment. lot in
part of the house to E. bound. of the
Sanford lot. 172.50

-S. L. Spencers note \$1184, Cash \$493.11 1677.11

-(misc. furniture)
\$2,527.68

Deduct for over appraisal to make the
place at \$2.000(?) as agreed between us 241.44

\$2,286.24

William A. Spencer

2 acres of meadow S of the RR - bought of
I. E. Whittlesey \$160.00

S. C. Spencers note \$788 1 Pig \$15.00 803.00

Cash \$13.14 13.14

876.14

Deduct for over appraisal to make the
place at \$2,000 as agreed between us 80.48

795.66

Henry Spencer

S. L. Spencer note \$706. 1 Yoke of Oxen \$100 806.00

1 2 yr. old steer \$20 1 Cart and yoke \$25 45.00

Farming tools \$10 Cash \$15.14 25.14

876.14

Deduct etc. 80.48

795.66

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Sabra S. Branard

The Rugged Rock meadow, so called, containing 3 acres	\$120.00
The Griifin wood lot sit. W of the house of Enoch Sizer, 5 acres	50.00
Furniture in the N. chamber - 1 green chest .50 " etc.	.50 ...
Cash \$575.24 Cash charged on book ? \$100	<u>675.24</u>
	876.14
Deduct for over appraisal, etc.	<u>60.48</u>
	795.66
Less the money charged on book?	<u>100.00</u>
	695.66

Emeline E. Billard

The remaining part of the Sanford lot so called from which was set off 5-3/4 acres to Mrs. Adah S. Spencer, 13-3/4 acres	\$412.50
Furniture in N. bedroom, set of drawers \$2.00) Candle stand \$.50 - 1 maple bedstead \$2.00)	4.50
2 comfortables \$1.00, 6 bed quilts \$3.00	4.00
Carpet on closet \$1.00 1 Brass Kettle \$1.00	2.00
Cash charged on book \$100 Cash \$353.14	<u>453.14</u>
	876.14
Deduct for over appraisal etc.	<u>80.48</u>
	795.66
Less money charged on book	<u>100.00</u>
	695.66

Adah M. Spencer

3-1/2 acres of meadow adj. upland in the rear of the house of I. E. Whittlesey	\$105.00
Furniture in the parlor, etc.
1 Brindle Cow \$30 Cash \$26.29	56.29
Samuel L. Spencer's note	<u>690.00</u>
	876.14
Deduct for over appraisal, etc.	<u>80.48</u>
	795.66

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S. L. Spencer

N. half of house etc.	400.00
New lot, so called, lying N. of the house and opposite to the house formerly occupied by Mr. Jeremiah Lord and which was formerly owned by Mr. John Whittlesey	350.00
An undivided right in 37 acres of land lying nearly opp. the House & Barn	50.00
1 Two yr. old heifer \$25. 1 Yearling heifer \$20	45.00
1 Pig \$15 Cash \$16.14	<u>31.14</u>
	876.14
Deduct for over-appraisal etc.	<u>80.48</u>
	795.66

- 17 Warranty Deed - from Ebenezer Gilbert of Meriden to John D. Billard - \$2,350 - one acre of land. Nov. 29, 1864. V. 17, p. 574.
- 18 Warranty Deed. Joseph P. Augur and Hannah A. Augur of Meriden for \$12,000.00 rec. of George W. Lyon, John D. Billard, Levi E. Coe and Joseph Morse of Meriden (Lyon & Billard Co.) - land in Meriden containing 40 acres (except for home of Hannah A. Augur and Hotchkiss) Sep. 1, 1868, Rec. V. 21, p. 458. Witnes: Orville H. Platt, Wm. M. Pratt.
- 19 Warranty Deed. Joseph P. Augur and Hannah A. Augur of Meriden for \$1.00 and exchange of lands - Jan. 3, 1870. - (Augur Farm) - V. 24, p. 420. Wit: H. C. Hull; Hiram Foster.
- 20 Warranty Deed. From Nelson Cornwell and Annie E. Cornwell of Meriden to John D. Billard - \$2,000 - land in Meriden bounded N on land of O. H. Platt and contemplated highway, E and S on land of John D. Billard, and W on highway, being fifty feet wide by 100' deep with buildings - May 16, 1871. V. 24, p. 220.
- 21 Quit Claim Deed. From George W. Lyon of Meriden to John D. Billard - \$500 - land in Meriden bounded N on land of John D. Billard 264', E on Colony St., 51-1/2', S on

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- 21 land jointly owned by sd. Billard and sd. Lyon 264' and
(contd) W on Lincoln St. 52' - Feb. 29, 1872 - V. 7, p. 457.
- 22 Estate of Mary Ann Merriman Dec'd - Joel I. Butler
Executor and John L. Billard, Administrator
- aa -Amer.Bible Society - May 13, 1873, N.Y.
- a Receipt for \$200 legacy - May 13, 1873 - N.Y.
- b " " \$300 -Amer.Bd.of Comm. for Foreign Missions
-May 13, 1873, N.Y.
- c " " \$200 -Amer. Home Missionary Soc. N. Y.
May 13, 1873 - N.Y.
- d " " \$100 -legacy - Harriet Deming (her mark)
Witn: Hiram C. Haydn; Hattie M. Billard - May 15, 1873
- e " " \$1000 -June 3, 1873 - Eliza Dickinson
- f " " \$1000 -May 30, 1873 - Henry R. ? Cowles
- 23 Probate Dist. Certificate. Probate Dist. of Essex, Co.,
Middlesex, Conn. - Estate of Samuel Spencer, Old Say-
brook, Conn. Dist. Accepted May 9, 1883. Distribution
to Emeline E. Billard of Meriden: an interest in that
part of the Sanford Lot as was set to Mrs. Ada S. Spencer
divided by a line East and West and giving her the north
part of sd. Lot and adjoining the land set to her from
her father's estate as \$128.75 bears to \$172.50 the
appraised value of sd land.
- 24 Warranty Deed. Henry N. Johnson of New Haven, for \$1.00
to John L. Billard, a cottage site, Lot 10 of Sect. B
on a map of West Peak and Percival Park - July 20, 1889
- Vol. 9, p. 566-7. Wit: Benj. Page and John Tredennick.
(quit claimed to F. H. Billard, May 12, 1915)
- 25 Warranty Deed. Sarah M. Haydn, wife of Hiram C. Haydn
of Cleveland, Ohio, for \$1,800.00 to John D. Billard -
land - on Duffy St. - 2 acres being the same formerly
conveyed by John L. Billard and Harriet M. his wife -
Aug. 5, 1889 - Vol. 9, p. 584-5. Wit: Chas. M. Vorce;
D. R. Taylor.
- 26 Deed. Meriden Cem. Assoc. to J. D. & J. L. Billard -
Dec. 31, 1891 - \$645.50 - Lots 70, 71, 72 & 73. Walnut
Grove Cemetery.

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- 27 Warrant Deed. John L. Billard to Antoinette R. Phelps -
Apr. 1, 1892 - \$1 - property on Lincoln St. Meriden -
Vol. 83 - p. 227.
- Apr. 1, 1892. John L. Billard to Fred H. Billard - May
23, 1917 - property - 160 Colony St. Meriden - Vol. 147,
p. 420.
- 28 Mortgage Deed. Edmund P. Sloane of Meriden for \$1300
received of John D. Billard - land with buildings in
Meriden. April 19, 1893. V. 87, p. 31.
- 29 Quit Claim Deed. From John L. Billard of Meriden to
John D. Billard - \$1 - land in Meriden bounded N on
land of John D. Billard, E on Colony St., 25', S on
land of George W. Lyon and W on Lincoln St. 25' -
April 13, 1894. Vol. 90, p. 334.
- 30 Quit Claim Deed. "The Curtis Home" to Lyon & Billard Co.
- land including Billard St. - \$1.00 - July 9, 1895 -
V. 94, p. 165. Witn: George A. Fay; Frank A. Cushing.
- 31 Quit Claim Deed. From Geo. W. Lyon of Meriden to John
D. Billard, - \$1 - land in Meriden being the same piece
of property deeded to George W. Lyon and John D. Billard
by Elah Camp in deed dated Aug. 23, 1854 and recorded
in book #13, p. 230 of Meriden landrecords - Sept. 27,
1895 - V. 94, p. 244 (Camp St.)
- 32 Warrant Deed. Arthur H. Gardner, Meriden to Lyon &
Billard Co., \$1 - land N. of Kensington Ave. - E. of
Lyon St. - West of N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. Co. - Dec. 6, 1895
- Vol. 92, p. 296.
- 33 Assignment of Mortgage. Quit Claim Deed. Eliz. M. (2d
wife nee Eliz. Crosby - per WHE) and Samuel L. Spencer
of Old Saybrook, Middlesex Co. - to John L. Billard of
Meriden - land in Old Saybrook -
1. 90 acres, bnded N by land now or formerly of
Joseph D. Billard and Whitfield Case, S on sd
Billard and sd Case and heirs of Jedediah Tryon
and of Jeremiah J. Tryon, decd., and W on hy, ex-
cepting about 19 acres in which Adah Spencer now

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has or formerly had an interest either as fee or as tenant in dower.

2. The new lot, cont. 21 acres and the homestead cont. 4 acres, together, bnded N and E by hy, S on lands of heirs of said J. J. Tryon, decd., and W on land of Edam Ayre with bldgs.
3. Meadow of 2 acres, bnded N on N.H. & N. L. R.R., E on land of Rufus Fordham, S on land of John E. Whittlesey and W on Rugged Rock Creek.
4. Meadow of 3 acres, bnded by a ditch S of meadow of John C. Whittlesey, E to the meadow of the heirs of Elisha Dudley, S by ditch & Rugged Rock Creek, and W & N to first ment. ditch.
5. 4 Acres on Ingham Hill, bnded N on land of _____ Ingham, and E & W on land of Sarah R. Ingham & S on land of Abigail Whittlesey, deceased. Being the same premises mtgd. to Thompson Pinckny by Samuel L. Spencer by Mtg. dated Jan. 10, 1870 & rec. in town of Old Saybrook in V. 2, p. 115, and by sd Thomas Pinkney assigned to Eliz. M. Spencer by deed dated Nov. 6, 1882 and rec. in V. 2, p.291. The interest of the sd. Eliz. M. Spencer being that of mortgagee and this instrument is made for the purpose of assigning & transferring sd. mortgage to John L. Billard. Oct. 5, 1897. Rec. Old Saybrook, V. 3, p. 114 & 115. Witn: Herbert Stokes; Wm. R. Bushnell.

34 Quit Claim Deed. Meriden Savings Bank to Walter Hubbard & The Lyon & Billard Co. - 1 parcel of land on Highland Ave., Meriden Ave., Prospect Ave., and Andrews Ave., 2nd Parcel - land on Forest Ave., Prospect Ave., Meriden Ave., 18 July 1901 - Vol. 104, p. 593.

35 Estate of John D. Billard (John L. Billard, Administra-
tor) Feb. 25, 1902

Estate -
 Feb. 25, 1902 Application & Waiver-Rec.Vol.34,p.345,
 Mar. 3, 1902 Inventory - Rec. " p.355 Meriden
 Nov. 1, 1902 Administration Acct. " \$455,712.86 p.650
 Oct. 21,1902 Return of Claims " p.637

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Feb. 25, 1902 Administration Bond Bond Book, Vol. 2,
 p. 530
 Oct. 27, 1902 Tax Due - Filed Oct. 28, 1902

36

Estate of Emeline E. Billard. Recorded - Vol. 34, p. 322

John L. Billard apptd. Administrator of estate of
 Emeline E. Billard in place and stead of John L.
 Billard, deceased. Feb. 14, 1902. Bond. Rec. Bond
 Book Vol. 2, p. 528. Feb. 14, 1902.

37

Manuscript Vol. 17, p. 415 - Meriden Probate Records

To the Probate Court for the District of Meriden. Estate
 of Emeline E. Billard, late of Meriden, in said Dis-
 trict, deceased. The subscriber represents that
 Emeline E. Billard last dwelt in the town of Meriden,
 in said District and died on the 17th day of December
 AD 1887 possessed of goods and estate remaining to be
 administered, leaving a husband whose name is John D.
 Billard and as her only heirs-at-law and next of kin,
 the persons whose names, residences and relationship
 to the deceased are as follows, viz: John L. Billard,
 Meriden, son, wherefore your petitioner prays that
 administration be granted on said estate.

John D. Billard

The undersigned being the only heir at law accepts
 service and waives notice of the pendency of the fore-
 going petition.

John L. Billard

Recorded by Geo. W. Smith, Judge

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Estate of Emeline E. Billard

To the Probate Court for the District of Meriden. Estate
 of Mrs. Emeline E. Billard, late of Meriden in said
 District, deceased - The subscribers appointed apprais-
 ers of said estate, having been legally sworn, have
 appraised all of said estate, both real and personal,
 according to its value and have assisted in making a
 true and perfect inventory thereof, as follows, viz:

Real Estate in Old Saybrook, Conn. \$100.00

The real estate is an interest in the Sanford
 lot in Saybrook, Conn. divided by a line run-

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ning East and West & covers so much of said lot adjoining the land set to Mrs. Billard from her father's estate as $\$125 \frac{25}{100}$ bears to $\$172 \frac{50}{100}$

12 Shares Home National Bank, Meriden	\$1,440.00
14 " First " " "	1,540.00
35 " Meriden Fire Ins. Co.	2,625.00
20 " N.Y.N.Haven & Hartford RR.	4,200.00
Deposit in City Savings Bank, Meriden, Conn.	<u>6,229.00</u>
Oct. 30th 1887	\$16,134.40

Charles L. Rockwell, Floyd Curtis, Appraisers
 Recorded by Geo. W. Smith, Judge

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Distribution Vol. 17, p. 416 - Feb. 4, 1888
Recorded Feb. 4, 1888

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Estate of Emeline E. Billard - who d. 17th Dec. 1887
 John D. Billard - Administrator - 28 Dec. 1887
 Bond \$10,000. 28 Dec. 1887
 Appraisers Charles L. Rockwell & Floyd Curtis

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Warranty Deed. Herbert M. Billard of Meriden to John L. Billard - for \$1.00 - land on Lincoln St. (Deed given by John D. Billard to Herbert M. Billard, rec. June 1, 1894, v. 88, p. 410) - July 2, 1902 - Rec. V. 103, p. 588. Witn: Floyd Curtis, Richard E. Mills.

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Estate Herbert M. Billard. Oct. 20, 1902, William A. Hall, Administrator. Application filed Oct. 20, 1902 and recorded 23 Oct. 1902. John T. Thayer, Judge. Recorded Vol. 34, p. 636. "died 13 day Oct. 1902" - leaving a widow Jennie H. Billard and as his only heirs-at-law and next of kin - Mary E. Billard, Meriden Ct. daughter.

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Herbert M. Billard. Bond. Oct. 23, 1902 - Vol. 2, p. 570. William A. Hall, admin. John L. Billard surety for \$10,000.

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43 Herbert M. Billard. Inventory. Dec. 24, 1902 - Vol. 36,
p. 46, by W. J. Robinson & Richard E. Mills.

4 shares Home Club Realty Corp.	\$75.00
20 " E. Miller & Co.	250.00
20 " Meriden Cutlery Co.	250.00
Meriden Sav. Bank	3,001.66
City " "	4,641.31
Cash - 1st Nat."	1,365.96
A. J. Hall note	3,000.00
	<u>\$12,583.93</u>

44 Herbert M. Billard. Return of Claims - Sept. 1, 1903
Vol. 36, p. 403 - no claims.

Return of Distribution - Sept. 29, 1903 - V.36, p. 445

Jennie H. Billard - Widow	\$4,289.30
Mary E. Billard, dau.	<u>8,578.62</u>
	12,867.92

Return of Distribution - Oct. 2, 1903 - V.36, p. 464

Administrators Account - Sept. 1, 1903 - Sept. 4, 1903
V. 36, p. 404

45 Warranty Deed. Bartlett S. Gray & Rose Gray of City of
Rock Island, Rock Island City, Ill. to John L. Billard -
for \$250. lot on Prospect & Andrew Aves., Meriden -
May 31, 1906. Vol. 114, p. 364.

46 Quit Claim Deed. Lyon & Billard Co. to John L. Billard
(Augur Farm) Dec. 7, 1906 - Vo. 116, p. 114.

47 Quit Claim Deed. From Zotique J. St. Cyr of Meriden to
Frederick H. Billard - \$1 - land in Meriden being the
same premises quit-claimed to me by Waldo L. Upson on
June 20, 1901 and recorded in Meriden Land Records V.
104, p. 568 - Mar. 30, 1907 - V. 116, p. 396.

48 Warranty Deed. John L. Billard to F. H. Billard \$1.00 -
land along N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. - Lyon St. - (same premises
deeded by Lyon & Billard Co, under date of Nov. 17, 1906
V. 115, p. 577) - Apr. 23, 1914, V. 138, pps. 201-202.

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- 49 Quit Claim Deed. John L. Billard to Fred. H. Billard - \$1 - land (Augur Farm) - Billard St., Meriden, Waterbury & Cromwell R.R. Co. - (same property quit claimed to Lyon & Billard Co. Dec. 7, 1906 - Rec. V. 116, p. 114). - Apr. 23, 1914 - V. 139, p. 26.
- 50 Quit Claim Deed. John L. Billard to F. H. Billard - \$1 (same as B-67) - Apr. 23, 1914 - (the 1/2 interest deeded to John L. Billard Nov. 17, 1906 (V. 114, p.589) by Lyon & Billard Co.) - V. 139, p. 25.
- 51 Quit Claim Deed. John L. Billard to Fred. H. Billard - undivided 1/3 interest - Grove St., Meriden - April 23, 1914. Vol. 139, p. 27.
- 52 Quit Claim Deed. John L. Billard & F. H. Billard \$1.00 - 3/7 interest in 2 pieces of land. (1) Woodland St. Meriden, Waterbury & Conn. River RR & Woodland St. (2) Meriden, Waterbury & Conn. River RR, (Woodland St. property) May 12, 1915 - V. 139, p. 510.
- 53 Release to the Billard Co. Superior Court, N. H. Co. - 1st Tues. - Nov. 1914 - NYNH & H RR Co., et al vs. John L. Billard et al - Feb. 24, 1916.
- 54 General Release. NYNH & H RR Co. et al to John L. Billard Feb. 24, 1916.
- 55 Administrators Deed. Walter Hubbard Est. to F.H. Billard \$1000.00 (1) 1/2 interest in land on Forest St., Prospect Ave., Meriden Ave., (2) 1/2 interest in land on Highland Ave., Meriden Ave., Columbus Ave. - Sep. 15, 1916 - V. 149, p. 642.
- 56 Quit Claim Deed - from John L. Billard to Frederick H. Billard \$1 - tract of land containing 18 acres on the mountain east of Cat Hole Pass in Meriden being that same land set aside to me in the distribution of the estate of Walter S. Billard recorded in Meriden Land Records, V. 118, p. 248 - June 6, 1921 - V. 158, p. 366 (given to Meriden Rod & Gun Club by F. H. Billard)

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- 57 Will of John L. Billard, of Meriden, Conn. Gives income from \$200,000 in trust fund to granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Billard Chambers of New York City, and in case of her death the said trust fund to her issue equally. If there are no surviving issue the income of said trust is to be paid as follows. From \$150,000 to the Meriden Hospital and from \$50,000 to the City of Meriden for its parks. To Richard E. Mills and Frank Hugo of Meriden, employees, \$2,500 each. To Nelson Dennison of Meriden, employee, \$1,000. \$2500 in trust for old upper Cemetery Assoc. of Old Saybrook, Conn. To cousins Amy S. Foster of New Haven, Anna Landon of Saybrook, Mrs. E. G. Griffith, Elizabeth McCorkle and Grace Griswold of Meriden \$2500 each. To Ruth Hitchings and Rev. Howell Hayden of Cleveland, Ohio, \$2500 each. To my son Frederick H. Billard all the remainder of the estate. Appoints son Frederick H. Billard and Meriden Trust & Safe Deposit Co. of Meriden, Conn., executors. 10 Dec. 1921.
- John L. Billard - Seal
- Witn: Eli C. Birdsey
John G. Nagel
Byron R. Gardner
- Subscribed and sworn to 10 Dec. 1921. William C. Mueller, J. of Peace.
- 58 Quit Claim Deed. Chas. L. Lyon to Fred H. Billard - \$1 land on Hubbard St., Signal St., - Sep. 26, 1921 - Vol. 158, p. 404.
- 59 Certf. of Title. John L. Billard Est. - Mar. 6, 1925 - land - 144 Lincoln St., Meriden.
- 60 Cert. of Title. John L. Billard - Apr. 16, 1925 - land on Mill St. and State St.
- 61 Lease. Est. of John L. Billard to Bessie L. Hinsdale, 144 Lincoln St. - 2 yrs. \$720 - Oct. 27, 1925.
- 62 Distrib. of Estate of John L. Billard, 144 Lincoln St. - Meriden - and lot facing on Mill St. & State St., Jan. 15, 1926 to Fred H. Billard. Vol. 194, pgs. 49-50.
- 63 Certif. of Title. Victor E. Lucchini - Feb. 15, 1927 - Allen Ave.

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- 64 Warrantly Deed. Samuel C. Bradford to F. H. Billard -
\$1.00 - 20.4 - Allen Ave. - Mar. 11, 1927 - V. 200,
pps. 493-495.
- 65 Warrantly Deed. Victor E. Lucchini to F. H. Billard -
10.5 acres - Allen Ave. - Mar. 12, 1927 - V. 200 -
pp. 492-493.
- 66 Warrantly Deed. Victor E. Lucchini to F. H. Billard -
\$1.00 - (1) 2.98 acres - Allen Ave. (2) 5.44 acres:
Sep. 5, 1929 - V. 213, pp. 271-272.
- 67 Cert. of Title. Fred H. Billard - 81 Lincoln St. - Oct.
25, 1929.
- 68 Warrantly Deed. From Victor E. Lucchini to Frederick H.
Billard \$1 - land in Meriden containing 59.5 acres
(along Quinnipiac River) - July 20, 1932 - V. 223, p. 443-
444.
- 69 Quit Claim Deed. Rose J. Snow to F. H. Billard \$1.00 -
1.6 acres - Allen Ave. property - June 17, 1937 - Vol.
245, p. 92.
- 70 Warrantly Deed. Wm. J. Hourigan to F. H. Billard \$1.00 -
1.6 acres - Jun. 17, 1937 - V. 238, p. 416.
- 71 Warrantly Deed. Samuel C. Bradford to F. H. Billard -
\$1.00 - triangular piece of land 46' on Allen Ave. -
Oct. 4, 1937 - V. 238, p. 502.
- 72 Lease. New Britain Tr. Co. - trustee - agreement Lillian
W. Reynol et al to F. H. Billard - cottage on Middle
Beach Rd., Madison, Conn. - \$2000 - 2 months 4 days -
April 16, 1946.
- 73 Option and Easement. From Frederick H. Billard to Gulf
Oil Corp. - \$100 - 25' right of way for pipe line - Jan.
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74 Trimming rights. From Frederick H. Billard to Conn. L. & P. Co. - 15' in width.

75 Will of Frederick H. Billard of Meriden, Conn.

To my niece Mary B. Edwards, \$200,000. To my cousin Mrs. Ruth Haydn Hitchings, \$25,000. To my cousin Houston Landon, \$25,000: To the issue of my deceased cousin Howard Haydn \$25,000. To my cousin Frederick Hitchings, \$25,000. \$5,000 each to Mrs. Ruth C. Cone, Edward Westfort, Thomas O'Brien and William Reuben, all of Meriden. \$1000 to household servants in my employ at my decease. \$25,000 to the Meriden Hospital. \$5,000 to the Boys Club of Meriden. \$25,000 to Gaylord Farms Assoc. of Wallingford, Conn. In trust: for Richard Mills, \$3500 yearly, for my cousin Amy Spencer Foster, \$3000 yearly, and for my cousin Mrs. Ruth Haydn Hitchings \$3000 yearly. The remainder in trust to my niece Mary B. Edwards during her life if she survives me; if she predeceases me in equal shares per stirpes to her issue surviving me during the lives of such issue, at her decease if she survives me to pay said net income in like manner in equal shares per stirpes to her issue who are then surviving her, during the lives of such issue, at the decease of my said niece leaving no such issue, or at her decease and the decease of all her such issue to pay the sum of \$100,000 to my cousin Houston Landon if he is then living, and if not, to his issue surviving him in equal shares per stirpes, and to pay and transfer all balance of said residue and remainder to my cousin Frederick Hitchings if he is then living, and if not, to his issue surviving him in equal shares per stirpes, and in the event that either or both of them and such respective issues are not then living to pay the residue and remainder in equal shares to the Meriden Hospital and Gaylord Farms Association.

Meriden Trust & Safe Deposit Co. executors. 12 Nov. 1948.

Frederick H. Billard, Seal

Witn:

Esther A. Shultz
William H. Rybeck
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Stella Lee (Edwards)		1935	New York, N.Y.	11	
Barnabas, Bethia		1799		1	
Billard, Annie		1880	Meriden, Conn.	6,7	
Bethia (Barnabas)		1799		1	
David				1	
Elizabeth (Elverson) Bennett		1876		7,8	
Emeline Elizabeth (Spencer)					
	(3-1)	1819	Westbrook, Conn.	1,4,5	16,23,36-39
Frederick Howell		1873	Meriden, Conn.	2,4, 6-8	24,27,47, 49-52;55-58,62,64-75
Gloriana (Denton)				2	
Harriet Yale (Merriman)		1842	Wallingford, Conn.	1,2,4, 6-8	25
	(2-1)				
Herbert Merriman	(1-0)	1869	Meriden, Conn.	1,4, 6-9	40-44
Jennie Elizabeth (Hall)	(1-1)	1870	Meriden, Conn.	1,7-9	41-44
John Denton	(3-0)	1819	New York, N.Y.	1-5,9	1,3,4;6,9, 12,13,15; 17,18,20; 21,25,26; 28,29,31, 33,35,37, 39,40
John Leander	(2-0)	1842	Saybrook, Conn.	1,4,5, 6-8	22,24-27, 29,33,35-37,42,45, 46,48-54, 56,57,59, 60-62
Joseph D.				4	
Joshua				1,2	
Lydia B. (Whittlesey)				4	
Mary Elizabeth		1901	Meriden, Conn.	1,4,9, 10,11	41,44,57, 75
Mary Emeline		1854	Meriden, Conn.	4	
Mehitable (Youngs)		1772		1	
Philimon				2	
Walter Spencer		1872	Meriden, Conn.	4,6,7	
Wm., Capt.				1	
Bishop, Cynthia Chambers		1952	Mt. Kisco, N.Y.	10	
Francis Nathaniel Holmes		1923	New York, N. Y.	9	
Francis Nathaniel Holmes, Jr.		1949	New York, N. Y.	10	

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Bishop (contd)					
Jane Hall		1947	New York, N. Y.	9	
Linda Townsend		1955	Mt. Kisco, N.Y.	10	
Mary Jane (Chambers)		1925	New York, N. Y.	9	
Priscilla Pell		1953	Mt. Kisco, N.Y.	10	
Chambers, Ambrose Ely		1900	New York, N. Y.	9	
Mary Jane		1925	New York, N. Y.	9	
Chick, Isaac William		1851	Peterboro, N.H.	8	
Jennie E. (Hall) (1-1)		1870	Meriden, Conn.	9	
Cunningham, Gertrude (Pell)				9	
Denton, Gloriana				2	
Edwards, Mabel (Hopple)		1870	Philadelphia, Pa.	11	
Mary E. (Billard)		1901	Meriden, Conn.	1,4, 9-11	41,44,57 75
Stella Amanda (Lemly)		1896	Texarkana, Texas	11	
Stella Lee		1935	New York, N.Y.	11	
William Hopple, Col.		1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	11	
William Zook		1868	Philadelphia, Pa.	11	
Elverson, Edward				8	
Elizabeth				7,8	
James				7	
Hotchkiss, Fidelia Jane		1835	Michigan	7,8	
Hall, Fidelia Jane (Hotchkiss)		1835	Michigan	7,8	
Jennie Elizabeth (1-1)		1870	Meriden, Conn.	1,7-9	44,44
William Alfred		1842	Wallingford, Conn.	7,8	41,42
Lyon, George W.				3,5	9,12,13, 18,21,29 31
MacKay, Mary Emeline (Billard)		1854	Meriden, Conn.	4	
Merriman, Harriet Yale (2-1)		1842	Meriden, Conn.	1,2,4 6-8	25
O'Neil, James Henry		1900	New York, N.Y.	10	
James Henry, Jr.		1929	New York, N.Y.	10	
James Pierce		1957	Mt. Kisco, N.Y.	10	
Joan McKnight (Pierce)		1932		10	
Margaret (----)				10	
Shawn Pierce		1954	Mt. Kisco, N.Y.	10	
Thomas Henry, Hon.				10	
Pell, Gertrude				9	
Pierce, Esther (Cott)				10	
Joan McKnight		1932		10	
William Lemmex				10	
Spencer, Emeline Elizabeth (3-1)		1819	Westbrook, Conn.	1,4,5	16,23, 36-39
Samuel, Capt.		1796	Saybrook, Conn.	4,5	16,19,33
Whittlesey, Lydia B.				4	
Youngs, Mehitable		1772		1	

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